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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) No. Sir."

" (b) Does not arise."

Retrenchment of non-gazetted posts and creation of gazetted posts after the separation of the Andhra State.

* 1262 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there has been any retrenchment of non-gazetted posts in the Departments of the Government other than the Secretariat Departments in the Residuary State after the separation of the Andhra State;

(b) if so, how many ; and

(c) how many Gazetted posts have been newly created after separation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) 982.

" (c) 95. A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" Sir, instead of appointing new Gazetted officers, why should not the Government take into consideration the case of non-Gazetted officers who have been affected? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the suitability of the officers has also to be taken into consideration. For example, we have to appoint many Assistant Engineers. We cannot certainly appoint in those places non-Gazetted officers who have been retrenched."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஆந்திர மாகாணத்திற்கு ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட ஆந்திரர்கள் இன்னும் நம் மாகாண சர்விஸ்ஸில் எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள் ? அவர்கள் இன்னும் எத்தனை நாட்களில் ஆந்திராவுக்கு அனுப்பப்படுவார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think, Sir, that there is a separate question on this subject."

Utilization of the amount allotted by the Government of India for the welfare of Backward Classes and Harijans.

* 1263 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any special allotment for the welfare of Backward Classes, Harijans and criminal tribes was made by the Government of India to this State during 1953–54;

(b) whether any proposals were called for for the utilisation of the allotment;

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(*c*) if so, the amount allotted; and

(*d*) the proposals submitted if any?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) & (*d*) A statement [a] containing the information required is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister in charge of this portfolio aware of the fact, that Ganjam Reddis are classified as backward community people whereas Reddis belonging to the Madras State style themselves as Ganjam Reddis and thus take away the scholarships that are allotted to the backward communities to themselves and . . . ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member put his questions one by one."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I am placing a few facts before you so that the Hon. Minister might answer the question straightway. Kammas and Balijas, who come under the forward classes, style themselves as Vadugans in Tamil Nad and they thus take away the share allotted to the backward communities, while Pillais, who are forward communities in Tamil Nad, style themselves as Thuluva Vellalas and thus they also take away the share allotted to the backward communities. In view of the forward communities thus taking away the scholarships allotted to the backward communities by resorting to such tactics, will the Hon. Minister scrutinize all the applications that have been received till now, institute an enquiry into their bona fides and see that the scholarships are cancelled in respect of those who are styling themselves as backward classes whereas they belong to the forward communities?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government have been taking suitable action whenever such cases are brought to their notice. At the same time, there are certain members of the backward classes who get scholarships that are reserved for Harijans. That also is being taken into consideration and severe action is taken in such cases."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I appreciate the frankness with which the Hon. the Minister in charge of Harijan Welfare is now accusing the backward communities who have been taking away the share allotted to the Scheduled Castes. The Government are invited to punish those who resort to these means. We are not against it. Now that I have alleged definitely that forward community students are taking away the scholarships allotted to the students of the backward communities, will the Hon. Minister categorically state that he will scrutinize all the applications that have been received during the current year, institute an enquiry into the matter and see that these things do not recur? It is no

[a] **Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 486–489 infra.**

use simply saying that Government are taking necessary action. We want that a separate body should be constituted to enquire into the individual applications and punish such of the officers who have given wrong (community) certificates. Such men, whether officials or non-officials, must be punished."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In view of the categorical statement made by the hon. Member, will he give a few instances of specific cases where the defrauding has taken place?"

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not a Minister! I am not running the Government."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Then the hon. Member cannot make such categorical statements. He may have a suspicion in the matter. When he makes categorical statements, the inference is that some cases should have come to his knowledge, but if he says these things from mere surmise, then we cannot say that he is making a categorical statement."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The Hon. the Minister for Harijan Welfare has categorically stated on the floor of the House that certain scholarships intended for the Harijan members have been taken away by the backward communities. Unless the Hon. Minister has got definite information, he should not give it on the floor of the House. May I know what steps the Hon. Minister concerned has taken in such cases and what are those cases?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Only one case of a backward class boy getting a scholarship styling himself as a Scheduled Castes candidate has been brought to the notice of the Government. But if certain sections who do not come under the backward classes have received scholarships, without mentioning the exact name of the particular section to which they belong, the Government will certainly take serious action, but no specific case has been brought to the notice of the Government till now."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I submit, Sir, that the allegations made by the hon. Member, Sri K. Vinayakam, are cent per cent correct? (Laughter.) May I request the Hon. Minister to scrutinize the applications for the current year from Ganjam Reddis, Balijas and Pillais. Specific charges have been made that many of the Kammas and Balijas have applied in the name of the Vadugans. Similarly, even the Saivite Pillais in Tirunelveli district have applied for scholarships. Some of the high class Saivite Reddis have also applied, styling themselves as Ganjam Reddis. Will the Government scrutinize the applications of these specific communities?"

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have always been saying that vague allegations will not be of any use, but I can assure hon. Members that I will certainly direct the Director of Harijan Welfare to scrutinize all the applications."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the statement made on the floor of the House, I request that a half-hour debate on this subject may be allowed." 12 noon.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday, the hon. Member wanted a half-hour debate on another subject. That has not taken place so far."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" That is left to the Chair."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday, the hon. Member wanted a debate on the acquisition of house-sites for Harijans in Malabar. To-day another half-hour debate will take place. Tomorrow we are sitting till 1 p.m. and there will be no afternoon session. Therefore, where is the time for a half-hour debate on this subject? I shall, however, consider the request of the hon. Member, but I cannot give any assurance now."

Retrenchment of staff from the former Lady Hope School of Nursing.

* 1264 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of members of the staff retrenched from the former Lady Hope School of Nursing; and

(*b*) how many of them have been reinstated so far?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Seventeen.

" (*b*) Two."

* 1265 *Q.*—THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I request that this question may be taken up a little later. The answer to this question is a long one. I would like it to be printed and placed on the table of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Shall we take it up tomorrow? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" The Hon. Minister may read out the answer now."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It will take a lot of time and I do not think any useful purpose will be served by reading it now. It has got to be placed as a statement on the table of the House so that hon. Members may go through it leisurely. Therefore, I request that this question may be taken up day after tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, we shall take up this question day after tomorrow."